

قال الإمام الحجة القائم (عجل الله تعالى فرجه الشريف): أما الحوادث الواقعة فارجعوا فيها إلى رواية حديثنا فإنهم حجتي عليكم و أنا حجة الله

Imām al-Hujjah al-Qā'im (may Allāh hasten his return) has said: "As for those events that will occur in the future, (for the answer on how to deal with them), refer to those people who narrate our sayings (aḥādith) since surely they (the 'Ulamā) are my proof over you and I am the proof of Allāh."

Various Issues related to Taqlid – once we have picked a Mujtahid to follow in our daily actions.

How can we tell who is a Mujtahid?

1. A person himself has certainty and can recognize who the Mujtahid and most knowledgeable is.
2. Two Knowledgeable and Just people who can identify the Mujtahid and most knowledgeable tell us as long as two other people do not go against their word.
3. One Scholar whom we know can recognize the Mujtahid and most knowledgeable whom we trust informs us who the most knowledgeable person is.

How can we find out his Rulings?

1. We hear it directly from the Mujtahid.
2. We hear it from two Just people.
3. We hear it from even one person whom we have trust in what he says to us.
4. We see it in the books or writings of the Mujtahid and we trust that written source.

What if our Mujtahid dies?

1. It is not permitted to start Taqlid of a dead Mujtahid, however if a person was in his Taqlid and he dies and he was the most knowledgeable, you must stay in his Taqlid.
2. If a person had acted according to some rulings of a Mujtahid before he died and wants to continue in his Taqlid after death, he can only do so in those issues he followed him on however for issues like Khums, he must pick a living Mujtahid to follow.

What about the actions of one who did not do Taqlid?

1. If he finds out that he was acting according to what his responsibility was.
2. His actions coincided with the Islāmic rulings of the Mujtahid whom he was supposed to be following or he then does Taqlid of a Mujtahid whose rulings coincide with how he performed his actions.
3. He performed his actions through observing Iḥtiyāt (precaution) by making sure that all of his actions fell in accordance with all of the present Mujtahids that he could have done Taqlid of.